



Negril Chamber of Commerce

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The Honourable Minister Desmond McKenzie
Ministry of Local Government & Community Development
85 Hagley Park Road
Kingston 10

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Dear Minister McKenzie:

I am writing on behalf of the Business community and numerous other concerned organisations and citizens of Negril, who are extremely concerned with the state of our beloved town.

The Negril tourist resort area along with our adjoining communities have been severely neglected over the past years and local businesses, families, hotels and tourists are now experiencing the negative impact, both socially and economically.

We have collected evidence of the following two major issues which must be addressed urgently:

- Garbage collection is erratic and haphazard and cannot be any worse coupled with the fact that there is **NO** enforcement of the laws concerning disposal of garbage.
- Squatting on government lands has increased dramatically - even on the main thoroughfare, Norman Manley Boulevard and on one of the other main entrances to Negril.

In addition, there are other **major** needs, such as developing a Fruit and Vegetable Market, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Local Government.

Therefore, the Negril Chamber of Commerce (NCC) would like to start a discussion concerning how Negril can become a **municipality** as the town straddles two parishes i.e., Hanover and Westmoreland, resulting in little or no attention being focused on the above extremely serious concerns.

We would like to meet with you **in Negril** as soon as possible so that you can witness and experience for yourself the many urgent problems affecting our communities; which is taking a toll on Negril's economic survival and contribution to Jamaica's overall Tourism revenue stream.

If it's not possible for you to visit Negril **by August 2018**, then a small NCC delegation would like to arrange a meeting with you in Kingston. This matter is **URGENT**, we need your assistance to save this very important asset for all of Jamaica.

Yours sincerely,



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Daniel Grizzle
President
Negril Chamber of Commerce